

# St. John <sup>the</sup> Baptist

Catholic Church

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are happy that you are here. If you are just visiting for today, we wish you God's guidance on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, parishioners are available after Mass to answer any questions and provide assistance with registrations. You may also stop by the parish office during office hours to register.

### Daily Mass

Tuesday - Friday 8 am

### Communion Service

Monday & Saturday 8 am

### Rosary

Monday - Saturday 7:35 am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am  
(nursery available at 9 am Mass)

### Baptism

Call the parish office at 952.890.9465 to register for the next Baptism class:  
Monday, Feb. 9, 7 - 8:30 pm

### Marriage

Contact a priest or deacon at least six months in advance.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

### Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available to those seriously ill or suffering from prolonged illness. Call the parish office for more information.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 4:30 pm

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

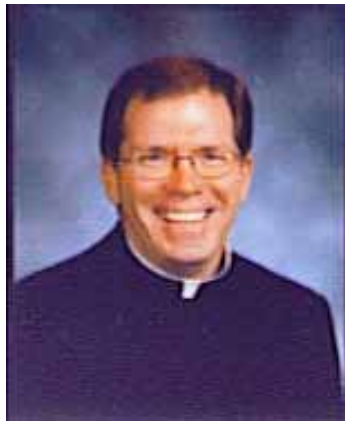
For information including sign-up: 952.882.9227 or <http://pea.g-ware.org>

### Bulletin Deadline

E-mail articles to

[bulletin@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:bulletin@stjohns-savage.org)  
by 10 am on Monday.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ◆ ◆ ◆



On Tuesday, Feb. 3, the church celebrates the feast of St. Blaise. What follows is a reflection on the life of St. Blaise from "Steward Saints for Everyday" by Sharon Hueckels.

*St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia early in the fourth century and was martyred there in 316. Beyond that, very little is known about his life, and the legends that surround him stem from a book written more than four hundred years after his death. Apparently, he was a good bishop who worked tirelessly to promote the spiritual and physical health of his people, and the wide distribution of his relics gives evidence*

*of his popularity during the Middle Ages. One popular legend says that a young man choking on a fish bone was restored to health through the prayers of St. Blaise, and it is for that reason that many Catholics have their throats blessed on this day. "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil," the priest says as he touches each throat with two blessed candles. God will use us, too, and whatever material or spiritual gifts God has blessed us with, when we put those gifts, and ourselves, at His disposal.*

As a part of the Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 3, throats will be blessed. All are invited to attend.

- Father Mike Tix

## ◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS ◆ ◆ ◆

### REGISTRATION BEGINS THIS WEEK

Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

- Current families starts Wednesday, Feb. 4
- Parish families starts Saturday, Feb. 14
- Registration opens to the public as of Friday, Feb. 27

### ST. JOHN'S ALUMNI - WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU

We are preparing for the grand celebration of our school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The 2009-2010 school year will be filled with activities for all ages and we want to connect with as many alumni as possible. If you are a St. John's graduate or know of someone who is, please contact Suzanne Mills-Rittmann at [smills-rittmann@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:smills-rittmann@stjohns-savage.org) with your name, maiden name, years attended, current address, and e-mail address.

We recently sent out the first edition of our quarterly alumni/parent newsletter and we are even on [facebook.com](http://facebook.com). Check us out and search for the official page of *St. Johns - Savage, MN* and get reacquainted with your grade school friends.

Would you like to be part of the St. John's alumni committee? We are in the process of making plans and would love to involve you. Thank you!

**IN EVERYTHING WE DO,  
WE DO IT WITH THE MINDSET OF EXCELLENCE.**

◆ ◆ ◆ CELEBRATION! 2009 ◆ ◆ ◆

**DON'T MISS THE CELEBRATION!**

*Celebration!* is quickly approaching, and we want you to be part of the fun. Make this the year that you join in on all the exciting games and dancing. There's no better way to meet many parishioners and school families that together make St. John's the special community that it is.

**Early Bird Special!** Ticket orders received by Tuesday, Feb. 3, earn each guest a coupon for a free Heads and Tails necklace, which could help you win \$200 in cash!



**Tickets** are \$55 and can be paid by credit card. Ticket order forms are available at the parish or education offices or on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org). For more information, contact Pam McSweeney at [mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net](mailto:mcsweeney.pam@comcast.net) or Angie Faith at [asfaith1@mchsi.com](mailto:asfaith1@mchsi.com).

**AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS**

Back by popular demand is the 70's Party – get ready to groove the night away! Don't miss out on one of the hottest themed parties this year! Love Bunco? Be sure to arrive early to sign up for the Bunco Party as this is a sell-out every year! Other offerings include:

- Home Decor Basket ❖ Timberwolves Tickets ❖ Paintball Packages
- Therapeutic Massage ❖ Photography Packages ❖ Hotel Lodging
- Theater Tickets ❖ Birthday Party Packages ❖ Golf ❖ Wine Chiller
- Facial Treatment ❖ Museum Passes ❖ Bowling Package ❖ Framed Art

Auction donations, including gift certificates to local restaurants or stores, are greatly appreciated. Donations are accepted through early February at the parish or education office. Bottles of wine or pint size bottles of beer may also be dropped off. For more information, contact Dawn Schonhoff at [dlschonhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:dlschonhoff@hotmail.com) or Paula Beer at [pgbeer@hotmail.com](mailto:pgbeer@hotmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Many more volunteers are still needed to work this event. If you would like to donate your time, contact Paula at [pgbeer@hotmail.com](mailto:pgbeer@hotmail.com).

◆ ◆ ◆ 55+ GROUP ◆ ◆ ◆

**FEBRUARY GATHERING**

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 8:30am, in the atrium. Parishioners, Marge and Bob Ehr and Kathy and Bob Jacoby, took a two week European River Cruise together from Budapest to Amsterdam on the Danube, Main, and Rhine Rivers. Join us for a visual presentation of this fabulous cruise. Refreshments will be provided.

**VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**

will be on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 12pm, in the atrium. The cost of the lunch is \$10. Entertainment will be provided by students from our day school. To make your reservation call Jim Rylander at 952.890.9465, ext. 114, by **Monday, Feb. 9.**

**PARISH MISSION  
STATEMENT**

St. John the Baptist Catholic community, established in 1854, continues its mission to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. As people of faith, we evangelize by worship, education, charity and social justice. God works through us as we share the blessings of our time, talent and treasure.

Parish Office..... 952.890.9465

**Pastor**  
Fr. Michael Tix..... ext. 111

**Weekend Presider**  
Fr. Terry Weber..... ext. 130

**Deacons**  
Jerry Little ..... ext. 131  
Bob Durham ..... ext. 132

**Facilities Manager**  
Ron Nord..... ext. 125

**Director of Parish Life**  
Jim Rylander ..... ext. 114

**Director of Music & Liturgy**  
Tim Malone ..... ext. 116

**Director of Pastoral Ministry**  
Bonnie Unzen.....

**Director of Finance & Business**  
Fred Fox ..... ext. 112

**Bookkeeper**  
Christine Kelly ..... ext. 117

**Director of Shared Ministry**  
Tracy Tredinnick..... ext. 118

**Communications Coordinator**  
Carol Radosevich ..... ext. 248

**St. John the Baptist  
Catholic School** ..... 952.890.6604

**Principal**  
Beth Behnke ..... ext. 245

**Assistant Principal**  
Mike Smalley ..... ext. 234

**St. John's Steppingstones  
Preschool** ..... 952.846.4663

Dora May, Director ..... ext. 244

**Religious Education** ..... 952.890.9434

Andi Little, Director ..... ext. 249

Jan Jirik, Gr. 7-9..... ext. 236

Joan Walerius, Sunday School .. ext. 252

Lori Taormina, Youth Minister.....ext. 232

## IS YOUR FAITH ENGAGING?

Do you want to live your faith in your daily life? Do you desire a Christian community with which to share your faith journey? Do you wish to enrich your relationship with God? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, a Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) weekend may be what you need. If you have questions, call Scott & Liz Wilson at 952.707.6828 or Mike & Christine Kelly at 952.226.2332.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian community through the holy water of baptism:

*David James Kockelman  
Jacob James Szopa*

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following families who recently joined our parish community:

*Andrew & Andrea Smieja ~  
Grant, Brooke*

*Richard & Marie McGowan*

*Andy & Amy Kockelman ~ David*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

† *Dennis Lee Nelson,*  
father of Kris Marko

† *C. J. Sanchez,*  
father of Dora May

† *Tom Severson,*  
son of Kermit & Jane Severson

## READINGS

For the Week of February 1

Sun: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/  
Mk 1:21-28

Mon: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tue: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thu: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Sat: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19,  
22-23/Mk 1:29-39

## ◆ ◆ ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS ◆ ◆ ◆

### JEFF CAVINS BIBLE STUDY

The Great Adventure continues with an 11-week study of the *Book of Psalms* on Tuesdays starting Feb. 3, from 10am to noon, in the church. A videotaped study will be offered on Thursdays starting Feb. 19, from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Cost is \$50 per person. No additional registration is required if you were pre-registered for the combined studies of *James* and *Psalms*. Forms are available at the parish and education offices or on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org). For more information, contact Brenda Schroll at [bkschroll@aol.com](mailto:bkschroll@aol.com) or 952.233.1042.

### ADULT CCD IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Join us as we welcome our pastor, Fr. Mike Tix, as presenter at this month's Adult CCD (Catholicism, Coffee and Dessert) from 6:30 - 8pm, in the atrium. Fr. Tix's presentation will be *Initiated in Faith vs. Born Again*, which will provide us with insight into the gift from which our Catholic faith flows. There is no cost to attend this presentation and discussion which is hosted by the parish Adult Faith Formation Committee. All are welcome.

### TUBING AT BUCK HILL IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Buses will be available to take everyone to and from Buck Hill, leaving the atrium starting at about 3:45pm. St. John's also has reserved *The Hutch* where tubers can warm up with hot chocolate, hot dogs, chips and cookies.

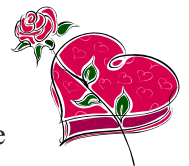
Snow tubers MUST BE AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLD and 42 inches tall. ALL TUBERS MUST HAVE A TUBING PASS — including adult tubing chaperones.

Two sessions will be offered: 4 - 6pm and 6 - 8pm. Cost: \$15 per person for one session; \$25 per person for both sessions. There is no cost for non-tubing adult chaperones.

**Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 4.** Registration forms along with detailed tubing information are available on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org) and in the atrium, school and parish offices. For more information contact Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

### MAKE A DATE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!

St. John's Adult Faith Formation Committee will sponsor a Marriage Enrichment Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 6:30pm, in the atrium. In addition to dinner, the evening also will feature Dr. John Buri who will speak about *The Three Components of Love*. Cost is \$40 per couple. Childcare will be available. Cost is \$5 per child. Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses through Feb. 7/8. To make reservations contact Brenda Schroll at [bkschroll@aol.com](mailto:bkschroll@aol.com) or 952.233.1042.



## ◆ ◆ ◆ MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ◆ ◆ ◆



### Ministry: Ushers

At St. John's we enjoy a tradition of hospitality that is unequalled. Our ushers are a wonderful group of gentlemen and ladies of all ages. They are always in place before Mass, assisting parishioners with seating, collecting the parish offering, aiding with the reception of Eucharist and distributing the parish bulletins. They wear the burgundy sashes with pride and sincerity. We are very fortunate to have such a vital ministry at our parish. For more information on joining this ministry at St. John's contact:

Gary Trapp - 5pm Mass  
Scott Wilgenbusch - 7:30am Mass

Robert Murphy - 9am Mass  
Diane Hanson - 11am Mass

## ◆ ◆ ◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆ ◆ ◆

### SEDER MEAL

Every two years, St. John's hosts a Seder Meal for children in grades 5 - 6 and their family members who would like to attend. This year the meal is scheduled on Tuesday, April 7, at 5:30pm, in the atrium. Adult and older teens are invited to help plan this event. For more information or to volunteer, contact Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

### SISTER PARISH VBS TEAM FORMING

An information meeting is scheduled for all people who are interested in learning more about providing a Vacation Bible School and reading enrichment program for the children of Immaculate Heart of Mary, our sister parish in Houston, MS. The meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 6:30pm, in the media center. Currently plans are to depart from Burnsville on Sunday, July 5, and return Saturday, July 11. If you are unable to attend, but want to learn more, contact Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call 952.890.9434, ext. 249.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ YOUTH MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

### GRADES 7 & 8 ARE INVITED TO GO ICE SKATING

at Centennial Lakes on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 12:30 - 5:30pm. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch, skating and skate rental. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 4.** Forms are available in the RE Office and atrium or on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org).

### YOUTH MINISTRY SNOWBALL DANCE

On Saturday, March 14, Shakopee Catholic Education Center is hosting a dance for youth in grades 7 and 8 from 7 - 9pm. The dress code is "dressy" (no jeans). The cost is \$5. Tickets are now on sale. Contact Lori if you and your friends are interested in dancing the night away. Information can also be found in the education office or on-line at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org).

For more information on youth ministry events contact  
Lori Taormina at 952.890.9434, ext. 232 or [ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:ltaormina@stjohns-savage.org)

## ◆ ◆ ◆ ST. JOHN BOOK-N-GIFT STORE ◆ ◆ ◆

As an introduction to Lent we have on display spiritual reading material that will enrich your journey through this solemn time of reflection in the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. We have a variety of authors (such as Pope Benedict) of prayerful books that offer guidance for adults to small children. Browse our beautiful framed art on Lenten themes or the variety of crucifixes for the home.

Our bookstore is always open for your convenience. We have an after-hours "self-serve" system for selecting and paying for your items. This is explained in detail on the check out counter.

**ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION  
THIS WEEKEND**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 2

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

### Tuesday, February 3

8:00 am † Jean Meyer

### Wednesday, February 4

8:00 am Special Intention

### Thursday, February 5

8:00 am † Helen Turner

9:25 am No School Mass

### First Friday, February 6

8:00 am † Arnold Rasmussen, Sr.

:30 am †† Revs. Robert Patterson  
& Myles McGowan  
(Augustana Regent)

### First Saturday, February 7

8:00 am Communion/Prayer Service

5:00 pm † Joe Thelen

### Sunday, February 8

7:30 am For the Parish

9:00 am † Bill Neimann

11:00 am Special Intention of the  
Julian Witt Family

## LECTORS

### February 7/8

5:00 pm Richard Gross  
Aileen Hill

7:30 am Jane Grevstad  
Tom Reicks

9:00 am Paul Mockenhaupt  
Jeanne Nardi

11:00 am Christine & Bob Brickweg

## MASS SERVERS

### Weekdays 8:00 am

Feb. 3-4 Ryan Gall  
McKenzie Svoboda

Feb. 5-6 Jenna Kacheroski  
Shawn Patch

### Saturday, February 7

5:00 pm Callie Fox, Billy Klein,  
Jacob Notermann

### Sunday, February 8

7:30 am Ryan Gall  
Daniel Moriarty

9:00 am Isabel Fox, Melanie Fox,  
Kyle Thomas

11:00 am Greta Fisher, Jenna  
Kacheroski, Charlie Nicklay

## DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 7, for the 8am Communion/Prayer service in the church followed by the Rosary and meditation in the Holy Family Chapel.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

(\*SEE ARTICLE)

### Monday, February 2

6:30 pm Troop 336

### Tuesday, February 3

10:00 am Jeff Cavins Bible Study\*

7:00 pm Commission Meetings

7:00 pm Holy Family Prayer Group & Rosary for Life

7:00 pm State of the School Address

### Wednesday, February 4

8:30 am 55+ Group

4:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:45 pm RE Gr. 1-6

4:15 pm Cherubim A Rehearsal

5:30 pm Cherubim B Rehearsal

6:45 pm Seraphim Rehearsal

6:45 pm RE Gr. 7-10 (on site classes)

### Thursday, February 5

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm BeFriender Training

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 6

8:30 am Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Bible Study

### Saturday, February 7

9:00 am WEE Faith

6:00 pm Celebration Ticket Sale\*

### Sunday, February 8

Celebration Ticket Sale\*

8:00 am AA Meeting

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 am RCIA Program

6:00 pm L.I.T.E.

6:30 pm CCD\*

## HOLY FAMILY FLOWERS

for the week of Feb. 1, have been  
donated for a

*Special Intention for Don Henrich*

- Kevin & Karen Brandenburg

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER SOMEONE OR AN OCCASION IN A SPECIAL WAY?

For a donation of \$35, a plant will be placed by the statues of Mary and Joseph in the back of the church for a two week period. You may also have your intention published in the bulletin. If you are interested, call the parish office at 952.890.9465.

## ◆ ◆ ◆ MUSIC MINISTRY ◆ ◆ ◆

### EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR BEGINS SOON

We wholeheartedly offer you an invitation to join voices with the Adult Choir for an eight-week "Festival Choir" season. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7pm. The season concludes with the beloved Holy Week and finally Easter Sunday Mass on April 12. We will provide music, rehearsal CDs and an enormous helping of enjoyment. Feel free to join us for a no obligation "Come and See" night on Feb. 12. CHEESECAKE WILL BE SERVED!! For complete details go to St. John's website at [www.stjohns-savage.org](http://www.stjohns-savage.org) (Liturgy/Music Ministry) or contact Tim Malone at [tmalone@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:tmalone@stjohns-savage.org) or 952.890.9465, ext. 116.



## ◆ ◆ ◆ IN THE COMMUNITY ◆ ◆ ◆

### TOP 20 TRAINING

Parents and students (grades 5-12) are invited to attend a free two-part seminar, *Top 20 Training*, on Mondays, Feb. 2 and March 2, at the Mraz Center at Burnsville High School. The two 90-minute sessions: ***Heart to Heart Conflict Resolution*** and ***Learn from Mistakes & Move Outside the Comfort Zone*** each begin at 7pm. Contact Clare at [clareanderson@visi.com](mailto:clareanderson@visi.com) or 952.890.3375 if you have questions.

### LOAVES & FISHES, TOO

On Thursday, Feb. 5, volunteers from Loaves & Fishes, Too will prepare and serve dinner to the needy at St. Stephen's Church in Minneapolis. If you would like to contribute a few hours of your time to help with this project call Pat Turgeon at 952.894.5888.



### TOWELS FROM TEENS

Students from Academy of Holy Angel's and St. John's School will be collecting new and gently used towels and blankets this weekend and next weekend, Feb. 7/8. Baskets will be marked and placed at all church entrances for these collections. The towels and blankets will be given to St. Stephen's homeless shelter and Bridging, Inc. The shelters are in great need at this time. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have questions, call Kelsey or Meghan Shea at 952.435.5990.

### PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

will meet on Monday, Feb. 9, from 7 - 8pm, at St. John Neumann in Eagan. To register for this on-going support group or for more info, call 652.454.2079.

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

will have its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7:10pm, at St. John Neumann in the Adult Ed Room. Susan Isebrand will speak on *Inside the Hiring Process*. It is a behind-the-scenes look at how hiring decisions are made. All those seeking new employment or who are going through job transition are welcome to attend. For more information go to [jobministry@sjn.org](mailto:jobministry@sjn.org).

### FIREARM SAFETY/HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS

The K. of C. Council 4914 will sponsor a Minnesota DNR Certified Firearm Safety/Hunter Class starting on Monday, March 2, from 6:45 - 9:15pm, at St. Michael's Church in Prior Lake. Classes will be on Mondays and Thursdays through April 13 and a range day on Saturday, April 18. Students should be at least 12 years old. Parents are welcome. Pre-registration is required. Call Tom Esterl at 952.445.7563 or Paul Berscheit at 952.447.4710.

◆ ◆ ◆ FINDING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ◆ ◆ ◆

A SCAVENGER HUNT OF SORTS

In 1984, when the doors of the current (and fifth) St. John the Baptist Catholic Church opened, parishioners did not find vigil lights burning anywhere. Vigil lights returned to St. John's in 2005 and can be found along the west wall of the Holy Family Chapel. They are three-day lights meaning that once lit, they continue to burn for 72 hours until the candle burns completely.

Vigil or votive lights are usually found near an icon or statue of Mary, Joseph or a saint (often the parish patron). At St. John's, the candles are located by icons of Saints John Neumann and Elizabeth Ann Seton, both associated with education. Each lit candle indicates someone is praying about something in particular, either for themselves or on behalf of someone else. The word "votive" can also refer to a promise to pray for someone, as well as a wish or desire for a certain outcome on behalf of someone, such as recovery of health. Donations are collected to help maintain and replace the candles. The suggested donation is \$3.



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last week's donations:

Envelopes.....	\$18,935
Simple Giving	
electronic donations .....	\$2,089
Total donations .....	\$21,024
Weekly revenue budget .....	\$34,050
Under budget.....	\$13,026
Budget year-to-date .....	- \$67,367



¶ll were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

- Mk 1:27-28